



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MEASURE J RE- IMAGINE LA ADVISORY HOUSING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

4:07 PM - 6:23 PM

Welcome and Call to Order.

1. The Housing Subcommittee was called to order by Bill Tarkanian at 4:07 pm.

- a. Liz Sunwoo and Miguel Perla were introduced themselves as meeting facilitators, provided background behind ATI and Measure J, and reviewed the meeting agenda.

2. Miguel Perla provided subcommittee orientation

- a. Subcommittee structure
 - i. The subcommittee will have two co-chairs, one of whom will be selected during this meeting
 - ii. Everyone subcommittee attendee is considered a member of the subcommittee
 - iii. The subcommittee is a Brown Act body
- b. Role of Subcommittee
 - i. Subcommittee is responsible for making Measure J spending allocation recommendations to the Advisory Committee
 - ii. Subcommittee is also responsible for identifying programs and services that can be funded by Measure J and that will support communities and people impacted by systemic racism
- c. There are 5 Measure J subcommittees
 - i. Economic Opportunity and Sustainability
 - ii. Diversion, Behavioral Health, and Health
 - iii. Education Access and Youth Development
 - iv. Housing
 - v. Reentry
- d. Miguel shared that over the next five meetings, subcommittee will build on prior ATI work and review presentations to develop potential funding recommendations for the Advisory Committee.
 - i. The Advisory Committee will create one combined list of recommendations from all subcommittees, which will be sent to the CEO and ultimately to the Board of Supervisors who will determine how Measure J funds will be spent

- e. Miguel then opened the floor for public comment: The following people addressed the subcommittee:
 - i. Zella Knight

3. Co-Chair Nomination and Vote

- a. Liz explained the role and provided the following responsibilities of a co-chair
 - i. Represent the Advisory Committee and its conversations at the subcommittee
 - ii. Attend all 5 subcommittee meetings
 - iii. Provide guidance from the Advisory Committee and Measure J language to support concrete funding recommendations
 - iv. bring subject-matter expertise through personal lived work experience. support in facilitating comments and feedback into concrete funding recommendations.
 - v. report information from this subcommittee to the advisory committee, and
 - vi. provide support to facilitators in presenting material and decision-making process.
- b. Liz explained the process of electing a co-chair
 - i. Co-chairs will lead nominations and voting
 - ii. Nominees need to be present in meeting to accept the nomination
 - iii. Self-nominations are allowed
 - iv. Nominations will be tracked on a slide
 - v. The vote will be virtual, attendees on phone may vote over the phone
 - vi. Winners need to win by simple majority and winners take office immediately
- c. Following the discussion, then Bill Tarkanian opened the floor for nominations. The following people were nominated for Co-Chair:
 - 1. Sophia Li
 - 2. Theodore 'Ted' Booker
 - 3. Travion Chamberlain
 - ii. All nominees accepted their nominations and were provided one minute to introduce themselves. The floor was then opened for public comment and the following people provided comments:
 - 1. Jessa Calderon
 - 2. Gerald Garth
 - 3. Ivette Ale
 - 4. Brad Carson
 - 5. Mischa DiBatiste
 - 6. Bamby Salcedo
 - iii. Bill Tarkanian closed nominations and began the election. The result of the vote was as follows:
 - 1. Sophia Li – 141
 - 2. Theodore 'Ted' Booker – 27
 - 3. Travion Chamberlain – 6
 - iv. Sophia Li accepted the office of Co-Chair.

4. Funding Recommendations Overview

a. Liz Sunwoo discusses that the funding should connect to subcommittees focus area and should connect to the following “through themes” identified by the Advisory Committee:

- i. Individuals experiencing mental health disorders
- ii. Individuals experience substance abuse disorders
- iii. Homelessness
- iv. Situations caused by unmet needs
- v. People with disabilities
- vi. Zip codes
- vii. Community of interest
- viii. Preventative health needs
- ix. System impacted individuals

b. Funding recommendations should consider how recommendation will eliminate disparities within any of the following categories:

- i. Race
- ii. Ethnicity
- iii. Sex
- iv. Gender identity
- v. Sexual orientation
- vi. Languages spoken
- vii. Geography
- viii. Concentrated and/or accumulated disadvantage
- ix. Immigration status
- x. Age
- xi. Veteran status

c. Mari explained the vision for funding recommendations

- i. What is the long-term vision for change and improvement for the Subcommittee’s focus area?
- ii. What programs, services, and initiatives does this Subcommittee want to fund this fiscal year, between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022?
- iii. What programs, services, and initiative does this Subcommittee want to fund, but might take longer to implement? (2+ years)

d. How Measure J funding moves into the community

- i. Established process of distributing funds through County departments
- ii. Subcommittee can propose an additional process to equitably distribute Measure J funds such as a block grant for community-based organizations

e. Liz Sunwoo then presented the funding recommendations template and equity tool including questions that should assist the subcommittee in making funding recommendations.

- f. Liz then opened the floor for public comment. The following people provided public comment:
 - i. Lucero Noyola
 - ii. Molly Reisman
 - iii. Theodore Booker
 - iv. Joe
 - v. Peter Enzminger

5. Focusing Our Subcommittee Topic Area

- a. Miguel Perla led a discussion on the ATI work group recommendations closely connected to housing. Those items include:
 - i. Affordable Housing Models: Expand or refine affordable successful housing models is designed for and tailored to justice-involved individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs.
 - ii. Update Policies to Remove Barriers: Remove barriers to treatment, employment, and affordable housing, including recovery housing, based on stigmatization and discrimination due to record of past convictions through local and state legislative intervention or updating County policies.
 - iii. Invest in Community of Care: Develop and expand pre-arrest and pre-arrest diversion programs, using decentralized, cross-functional teams to coordinate behavioral health assessments and connections to community-based systems of care, for people whose justice system involvement is driven by unmet behavioral health needs, in coordination with law enforcement and community providers.
- b. Liz Sunwoo led the subcommittee into a brainstorming exercise to focus the subcommittee topic area and allow the subcommittee to determine the issues that should be addressed by the subcommittee.
 - i. The community shared any housing issues they see particularly for those who are systems impacted, impacted by systematic racism & other inequities, and what they would like to see.

6. Next Steps

- a. Liz Sunwoo discusses the next steps of this subcommittee. Co-Chairs will be designing the next meetings. Speakers will be presenting, analyzing analyses of data, and are open to recommendations from the public.
 - i. The co-chairs provided closing comments before opening the floor for general public comment.

7. Public Comment

- a. The following people addressed the subcommittee:
 - Mike Alvidrez
 - Boyce Osife
 - Hector Ramirez

- Ben Kay
- Rosemary Baraja
- Vanessa Luna

8. Adjournment

Adjournment for the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Housing Subcommittee of
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 6:23 PM.

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by Co-Chairs Bill Tarkanian
and Sophia Li.